

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 63-72 and 76-153 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein.

REMARKS

The specification is amended to incorporate by reference the Hanabuchi et al. reference disclosed therein. Claims 63-72 and 76-153 are cancelled. By the above amendments, claims 51-62, 73-75 and 154 are pending. No new matter is added.

I. THE INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF HANABUCHI ET AL.

Applicants amend the specification herein to incorporate by reference the subject matter disclosed in the Hanabuchi et al. article referenced at page 51 of the specification. Applicants submit that the material incorporated by reference is referred to in the specification for the purposes of indicating the background of the invention and for illustrating the state of the art. MPEP § 608.01(p). For the Office's information, Applicants cited the Hanabuchi et al. reference in an Information Disclosure Statement, filed March 3, 1998.

II. THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants acknowledge that the final Office Action makes the restriction requirement final. To expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have cancelled the non-elected claims herein.